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FOR: NEGATIVE ELECTRODE ACTIVE MATERIAL FOR BATTERY, ANODE CAN FOR BATTERY, ZINC NEGATIVE PLATE FOR BATTERY, MANGANESE DRY BATTERY AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING SAME

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97**

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Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

**REFERENCES**

Submitted herewith is a Chinese Office Action with English translation for the Examiner's consideration. The references cited therein were previously filed on May 8, 2006 and January 9, 2007.

**RELATED CASES**

Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s), published application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. In accordance with the waiver of 37 CFR 1.98 dated September 21, 2004, copies of the cited pending applications are not provided. Cited published and/or issued patents, if any, are listed on the attached PTO form 1449.

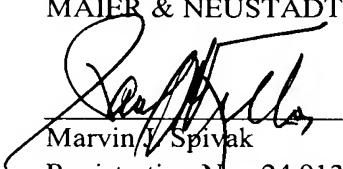
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